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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: BANANA TAX

REF: STATE 167977 AND 168506

1. MESSRS. TAYLOR, HEYL AND PEASE OF UNITED BRANDS CALLED ON ME AT NOON AUGUST 2. WE REVIEWED SITUATION RAPIDLY, NOTING STRIDENT SPEECH MADE BY GENERAL TORRIJOS AT DAVID YESTERDAY. TAYLOR TOLD ME HE HAD BEEN RINGING MANFREDO'S PHONE FOR SEVERAL DAYS FROM BOSTON BUT MANFREDO, WHOM HE KNOWS VERY WELL AND WITH WHOM HE CONSIDERED HE HAD A "DEAL" -- TO WIT, THEY WOULD TALK IF MATTERS DETERIORATED, HAD REFUSED TO ANSWER HIS CALLS. COMPANY OFFICERS ASKED ME TO TRY AND OBTAIN MEETING WITH GENERAL TORRIJOS. I SAID I WOULD TRY TO DO WHAT I COULD. I INFORMED COMPANY OFFICERS THAT I THOUGHT PANAMA SINCERELY WISHED TO SOLVE PROBLEM BUT COULD NOT DO SO UNDER SIGNS PRESSURE.

2. COMMENT: I CALLED MANFREDO AND HE IS MEETING WITH TAYLOR NOW. MINISGER SAID HE WOULD CALL ME AS SOON AS
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HE HAD SOMETHING TO REPORT.

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